

Present perfect simple vs Past simple

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1. Put the time expressions in the correct column of the table.

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| • for two hours | • at nine o'clock |
| • since half past five | • three days ago |
| • for two days | • last Christmas |
| • since my birthday | • last year |
| • for a long time | • five minutes ago |
| • in 2007 | • since 1987 |
| • yesterday | • last night |
| • for ages | • since February |
| • last summer | • for five days |
| • since we were at school | • the day before yesterday |

Past simple	Present perfect

2. Read the sentences (1–10) carefully. Then write "Past simple" if the time of the action is specified, or "Present perfect" if there is no clear time reference.

- Has someone taken my mobile phone?

- We went to the cinema last night.

- Has the plane arrived?

- Helen started her Chinese course two months ago.

- Angelina Jolie has acted in a lot of films.

- What time did you arrive at school yesterday?

- I received a text message from Walter this morning.

- Laura and Charles fell in love while they were at university.

- Have you had lunch?

- You look great! Where have you been?

3. Underline the correct alternative.

- I have visited / visited London many times.
- We have seen / saw Jack five minutes ago.
- Liz has done / did a lot of work since this morning.
- A** When did Robert move / has Robert moved to Manchester? **B** In 2007.
- I have seen / saw this film three times.
- Where did you go / have you gone on Saturday night?
- We started / have started our summer holidays three days ago.
- What time did Rob finish / has Rob finished work yesterday?
- Sandra has talked / talked to her boyfriend ten times since 2 o'clock.
- I have attended / attended this school since I moved here.

4. Complete the sentences with the Past simple or Present perfect of the verbs in brackets. Pay attention to the time expressions.

- We _____ (spend) our holidays in Canada last summer.
- I _____ (not talk) to Karl for ages.
- Jane _____ (be) at the library since nine o'clock this morning.
- We _____ (go) to a very good Italian restaurant yesterday.
- Laura _____ (not buy) a new dress for years.
- We _____ (not go) out last night.
- My parents _____ (meet) in 1991.
- Ron _____ (be) in hospital for three weeks.
- I _____ (not see) Anne and Chris since they moved to Bristol.
- My friends _____ (arrive) two hours ago.

5. Complete the text using the Present perfect or Past simple of the verbs in brackets. Use the time expressions to help you.

I ¹ _____ never _____ (stay up) late at night in my life. Maybe, only once. Last New Year's Eve I ² _____ (go) to bed at half past twelve. I ³ _____ never _____ (be) away from my hometown for more than two days, but I ⁴ _____ (travel) abroad. Last year I ⁵ _____ (go) to Paris by train. I ⁶ _____ (leave) in the morning and ⁷ _____ (get) back home for dinner! Some people say that my life's boring, but I don't agree. I ⁸ _____ (make) a lot of friends since I ⁹ _____ (move) here in 1985.

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6. Complete the sentences using the words in brackets and the Past simple or Present perfect of one of the given verbs.

be • arrive • buy • go • visit • live
know • write • study • wait

- 1 _____ (you) in this house for a long time?
- 2 I _____ a new pair of trainers yesterday.
- 3 What time _____ (the train) at the station?
- 4 Pauline _____ London last weekend.
- 5 France _____ a republic for a long time
- 6 When _____ (you / last) to the theatre?
- 7 Jack _____ Moira for two years.
- 8 We _____ for our friends since half past three.
- 9 Lucy _____ Maths for three hours.
- 10 I _____ ten emails since this morning.

7. Complete the dialogues (A–C) using the information in the table and the Present perfect or Past simple of the verbs in brackets.

	Europe	outside Europe	when
Janet	Germany	X	2009
Rakesh	X	India	2008
Neil	Greece	X	2010

(A)

- Michael** Janet, ¹ _____ you ever _____ (spend) a holiday in a European country?
Janet ² _____. I ³ _____ (go) to Germany in 2009.
Michael How ⁴ _____ you _____ (travel) there?
Janet I ⁵ _____ (drive).
Michael And ⁶ _____ you ever _____ (visit) a country outside Europe?
Janet ⁷ _____.

(B)

- Michael** Rakesh, ⁸ _____ you ever _____ (have) a holiday in a European country?
Rakesh ⁹ _____.
Michael And ¹⁰ _____ you ever _____ (travel) outside Europe?
Rakesh ¹¹ _____. I ¹² _____ (be) to India.
Michael When ¹³ _____ you _____ (go)?
Rakesh I ¹⁴ _____ (fly) there in 2008.

(C)

- Michael** Neil, ¹⁵ _____ you ever _____ (visit) a European country?
Neil ¹⁶ _____. I ¹⁷ _____ (spend) my summer holidays in Greece in 2010.
Michael ¹⁸ _____ you _____ (go) on your own?
Neil No, my wife ¹⁹ _____ (come) with me.
Michael And ²⁰ _____ you ever _____ (spend) a holiday outside Europe?
Neil ²¹ _____.

8. TRANSLATION. Translate.

1. ¿Por qué no vinieron a la fiesta de Paul la semana pasada?

2. Ha hecho mucho frío desde Navidad.

3. ¿Estudias inglés desde hace mucho tiempo?

4. Jerry invitó a Anne a salir ayer por la noche y luego no se presentó a la cita.

5. El sábado pasado mi hermano volvió a casa a las cuatro de la mañana.

6. ¿Cuánto tiempo llevan casados tus padres?

7. El doctor Smith ha sido nuestro médico de familia durante 20

8. Giulia vive en Boston desde que se mudó allí para estudiar inglés.

9. George y Karin terminaron su relación la semana pasada.

10. Conocí a un chico muy simpático en la biblioteca ayer.
